REMARKS

In the action dated February 21, 2003, the Examiner has sustained the rejection of claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Yoshinobu et al.*, (USP 5,777,605). That rejection is once again, respectfully traversed.

As previously noted, the method and system of the present invention are directed to a technique for supporting increased portable computer compactness by displaying data within a display screen and partitioning that display screen into a touch-sensitive input area and a display area. Thereafter, the presence of the user's hands at the touch-sensitive area is detected and a touch-sensitive keypad is graphically displayed within the touch-sensitive area in response to detection of the user's hands at that position, so that that user may utilize the touch-sensitive to enter data to be displayed within the display area. This language is expressly set forth within the claims of the present application and Applicant does not believe that *Yoshinobu et al.* shows or suggests in any way such an invention.

Firstly, Applicant respectfully urges the Examiner to consider that tablet 51 of *Yoshinobu et al.* is, according to the disclosure therein, entirely touch-sensitive and thus, the display screen is not partitioned into a touch-sensitive area and a display area as expressly set forth within the claims of the present application.

For example, within Fig. 13, *Yoshinobu et al.* disclose a virtual keyboard displayed within the lower half of the display and what would appear to be a display area in the upper half of that display; however, as clearly depicted within FIG. 14, pen cursor 401 is employed within the display portion of the tablet and consequently, it is clear that every portion of tablet 51 of *Yoshinobu et al.* is touch-sensitive. Further, as expressly pointed out in Applicant's previous response, *Yoshinobu et al.* teach that a keyboard will be displayed in either of two distinct manners.

Firstly, a keyboard is displayed in response to selection of keyboard icon 107, as described at col. 8, lines 1-3 of *Yoshinobu et al.* or, as described at col. 8, lines 37 *et seq.*, a keyboard maybe displayed in response to movement of "pointing cursor 101 to an area of the post card image in which text is to be written. If the above-described area is selected, and editor cursor 302 is displayed on the screen (FIG. 13) in addition to pointing cursor 101, and a virtual keyboard 301 (FIG. 13) is also displayed in a predetermined area of the screen. A text is then

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input by properly selecting key icons of the virtual keyboard 301 using the pointing cursor 101." Thus, if the Examiner will refer to FIG. 13, it should be noted that even if the Examiner desires to sustain the apparently untenable position of specifying the upper portion of the tablet display as a display area and the lower portion of the tablet display as a touch-sensitive portion, the teaching of *Yoshinobu et al.* is entirely contrary to the expressly claimed invention set forth within the claims of the present application.

The keyboard 301 depicted within FIG. 13 is, according to the express language of *Yoshinobu et al.* either displayed as a result of selection of keyboard icon 107, or as a result of the positioning of pointing cursor 101 within the display area. Thus, it should be clear that *Yoshinobu et al.* fails to anticipate, show or suggest in any way the graphic display of a touch-sensitive pad within a touch-sensitive area in response to a detection of the user's hands at that touch-sensitive area.

This is true as *Yoshinobu et al.* clearly teaches the display of a keyboard in response to either selection of a particular icon or, in response to positioning of the pointing cursor in an area of the display, which the Examiner has clearly asserted, is the display area. Thus, *Yoshinobu et al.* cannot be said to anticipate, show or suggest in any way either the partition of the display screen into a touch-sensitive area and a display area, or the display of a touch-sensitive within a touch-sensitive area in response to a detection of the user's hands within that touch-sensitive area as expressly set forth within the claims of the present application.

Consequently, Applicant once again urges that the rejection of claims 1-21 in the present application is not well founded and withdrawal of that rejection and passage of this application to issue is respectfully requested.

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